Iowa Girls at Auction.

For new schemes of raising money, church sociables are and always have been peculiar. To attain this end they will contenance even the less harmful plans of Satan and pronounce them The church treasury, which ought always to be full, but which sometimes becomes so mournfully empty, must be replenished, and after the ordinary means of filling it are tried and fail, other means are resorted to, among which are mentioned grab-bags, kissing games where the cash value of the osculation is governed almost entirely by the personal charms of the female osculator, and festivals where it costs 10 cents to get in and almost any number of times that amount of dollars to get out; and various other schemes which entrap the masculine victim who shivers with delight while the game goes on, but denounces himself in unmeasured terms for a qualified idiot on the following day when reason resumes etc. its seat, and the full force of his diminished pocketbook is felt. Up at Clear Lake, that center of

summer pleasure parties and Sabbath school associations in Iowa, the churches became tired of these old stereotyped plans of raising money, and a new scheme was evolved from the inner consciousness of some bright genius. The treasury of the Congregationalist Church became rather bare. and so the young folks got together and determined to fill it even to overflow. After a prolonged discussion it was decided to bring about the desired end by putting all the girls of the church up at auction to be disposed of to the highest bidder. The time came around, and every young man in or near Clear Lake who had any money or could possibly borrow any, was promptly on hand, eager to bid to the fullest extent. But there were some of the grils on whom it would have been impossible to obtain the bid of an old-fashioned copper cent, while there were others for whom the love-sick swains would willingly have bid their last dallar, and in the spirit of Artemus Ward, the last dollar of any of their relatives. So to give all of the boys an equal chance, the girls were wrapped up in sheets, so as to be completely unrecognizable. Each young man was positive that beneath the snowy folds of the sheet he could discern the outline of the girl on whom he doted, and when from fifteen to twenty of the young fellows singled out the particular sheeted object on which to stake their fortunes, excitement ran high and money ran out of pocket-books like water down a slant-

After all the fair ones were disposed of, the order was given to "haul up the kind. A striking fact, in connection sheets," and then ensued an indescrib- with those already in use, in that the able scene of mingled happiness and disappointment. Maidens who had been purchased for a mere song, owing average, and London is one of the to a lack of bidders, turned out to be the best-looking girls in the town, while beings whose sylph-like appearance under a sheet excited the greatest admiration, and drew hard-earned money from unwilling pocket-books, were found to be most commonplace creatures, indeed. But all made the best of it, and the disappointed ones bore themselves bravely. Altogether, the plan was a great success; and as long as churches will raise money by lottery schemes, why not adopt this method? It is as harmless, and yet is productive of as much good to the participants, as any game of chance we know of. It gives the homely girls and bashful boys an equal chance with their respective opposites, besides resulting in a grand financial success, and we look for its general adoption. To be sure, it is asking a good deal of modest, womanly, refined girls. But then church sociables are always doing that!-Des Moines Register.

Duck Primer.

[Forest and Stream.]

The Man from Town is out on the Duck Pass. He stands on the point itors. and waits for Ducks to fly by. He has on a White shirt, a dark brown Coat, and a black Hat. You can see him a Mile off. Here comes a Duck. He is way up in the Sky, but the Man will shoot, all the same. Bang! Bang! Did the Duck drop? Not much!

The Duck flies on. Look! there is a puff of Smoke near the Bush. Hark. Bang! The Duck drops in the Mud .-A Boy wades out and picks him up.-Now, the Boy is back, out of sight, all is Still. The Man goes to talk with the Boy. The Boy has an old Gun, all Rust. The Lock is tied on with String. (I should hate to fire it.) But the Boy has a Nice Pile of Ducks. The Man has no Ducks at all, but he has Lots of the Cash! Now the Boy has some Cash, and the Man has the Ducks. See the Boy grin! The man will take the Ducks home, and tell his Wife that he shot them all, with his Fine New Gun. Is it right for the Man to do this?

Arizona Antiquities.

Seventy-five miles from Prescott, in the vicinity of McDowell, was d scovered a large mound, 200 by 250 in size, with walls of stone two feet thick surrounding. Within, and down to a depth of ten feet, has been found stone of the use of fat from horses and dogs implements of all discriptions; also utencils of a peculiar shape, painted on the inside with Egyptain characters, ornaments of shell, needles of bones, and, in fact, a perfect museum of relies of the stone age, and of a race now extinct. There were also tombs, three found six miles from the mound. Near ever since he wedded Mrs. Snooks.

the quarry are found paintings of beasts of burden, including representatives of the camel, and a very large animal resembling the mastodon; also several unknown figures. The bones in the tombs were partially destroyed by fire, and the walls showed disturbance by upheaval.

Conversational Points.

Do not manifest impatience. Do not engage in argument.

Do not interrupt another when speaking. Do not find fault, though you may

gently criticise. Do not talk of your private, personal or family matters.

of speech in others. Do not always commence a conversation by allusion to weather.

Do not, when narrating an incident, continually say "you see," "you know,"

Do not intrude professional or other topics that the company cannot generally take an interest in. Do not talk very loud. A firm, clear,

distinct, yet mild, gentle and musical voice has greater power. Do not be absent-minded, requiring the speaker to repeat what has been

said that you may understand. Do not speak disrespectfully of personal appearances when anyone present

may have the same defects. Do not try to force yourself into the confidence of others. If they give their confidence never betray it to others.

Do not use vulgar terms, slang phrases, words of double meaning, or language that will bring a blush.

Mr. Peabody's Charity.

The noble gift of Mr. Peabody for the benefit of the London poor is bearing excellent fruit. The £500,000 which he left for building workmen's houses has grown to the handsome sum of £780,448, so that the trustees, Lord Derby, the United States Minister and Sir Stafford Northcote, are not hampered by want of funds. They have already built 2,787 separate dwellings, which were occupied last year by 11,-459 persons. The net gains from rents were almost £30,000. Considering the large sums spent on the bath-rooms, laundries and wash-houses this is considered a fair return. The wise policy is to charge a reasonable rent for the houses, which are in great demand. There were more than 3,000 applicants for the 432 dwellings which were opened last year. The income derived is to be appled from time to time to the construction of new buildings of the same death-rate in those buildings was last year 3 98 per 1,000 below the London healthiest cities in the world.—Toronto

How Alligators Eat.

An alligator's throat is an animated sewer. Everything which lodges in his mouth goes down. He is a lazy dog, and instead of hunting for something to eat, he lets his victuals hunt for him -that is, he lies with his great mouth open, apparently dead, like the 'possum. Soon a bug crawls into it, then a fly, then several gnats and a colony of mosquitoes. The alligator don't close his mouth yet. He is waiting for a eyed son of a saw-horse.' whole drove of things. He does his eating by wholesale. A little later a lizard will cool himself under the shade of the upper jaw. Then a few frogs will hop up to catch the mosquitoes. Then more mosquitoes and gnats light on the frogs. Finally a whole village of insects and reptiles settle down for an afternoon picnic. Then all at once there is an earthquake. The big jaw falls, the alligator blinks one eye, gulps down the entire menagerie and opens his great front door again for more vis-

To Merchants.

"We have no traveling agents out, for the reason that we don't believe in them, and still we sell goods in Mexico and Oregon." "How do you manage to secure such a far-off trade?" inquired the reporter. "Why, by advertising our business will bring in more orders than a \$4,000 a year agent would. I know what I'm talking about, and I think the sooner business men begin to realize this fact, the sooner they will profit by it."-Louisville Commercial interview with a prominent leather

A METHODIST itinerant preacher once breakfasted at a house, where johnnycakes were served. Observing a feather protruding from his cake, he remarked, "Sister, your johnny cake seems to be feathering out." "Yes responded the lasy unabashed; "Ltold John no longer ago than yesterday that he must either get a cover for the meal barrel or move the hen-roost.'

THE manufacturer of eleomargine in St. Louis has been investigated by the board of health, and proof was obtained

THE Southern Pacific company will add 3,000 cars to its equipment this summer in order to handle very heavy eastern shipments of California grain.

Snooks thinks a man fortunate who tiers deep, and underneath cisterns of has his will contested after death only. water. The walls are made of rocks He says his will has been contested Facts and Figures about Texas.

Texas is as large as Maine, Rhode-Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey. Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, and Illinois, and 6,000 square miles over, containing 175,587, 840 acres. At the ratio of population of Massachusetts it could support the present population of the United States. Its population is 1,592,574 by the last census, and it is receiving immigrants at the rate of more than 1,000 daily. It is the first cattle-raising state of the Union, having about 5,000, 000 head. It is second in the number Do not appear to notice inaccuracies of horses, with about 1,000,000 head. -It is third in sheep, with about 5,000, 000 head. Total value of live stock, excluding hogs, more than \$71,000,000. For the year ending August 31, 1881, the sales of its products were, including cotton, wheat, wool, hides, etc., \$95, 960,930 against \$57,820,141 in 1878-9.— Add to this the \$20,000,000 expended by railway, and we have a grand total of \$115,960,930 as the sum derived by Texas to the credit of its agricultural and industrial resources-double that of 1878-9.

Cereals, grasses and vegetables of all kinds, fruits, melons and berries, grow to great perfection. There is on exhibition in New York city a Texas-raised pair, weighing 5 pounds 2 ounces.

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Most of the state is from 500 to 2,000 feet above the sea, and her climate, tempered by the trade winds, is delightful. As a health resort, western Texas rivals California and Colorado. The agriculture of the state is in its infancy, and her mineral and manufacturing resources have barely been touched .-Her future is almost beyond comprehension.

A GEORGIA paper says: "Gold in thirty three counties in this State; copper in thirteen; whisky in all of them, and the last gets away with the the rest. It can do it every time." All Georgia wants now to put her on an equality with California is to get about 100,000

A CLERGYMAN who had just married a couple felt indignant when the bridegroom gave him a fee of only a half dollar, smiled grimly and said: "Never mind. You'll have to paya lawyer\$100 for undoing what I have done."

THERE is now an average depth of two and a half feet of snow at Emigrant Gap. The snowfall there in April was four feet five inches. During the winter the fall was thirty-two feet three and a half inches.

"By shimminy, how dot poy studies grammar," was the remark of a German when his son called him a "knockkneed, pigeon-toed, seven-sided, glaze-

THE gold and silver coin and bullion now in the vaults of the Treasury of the United States amount to the vast sum of \$267, 332,375 54.

THE ladder of fame is free to all, but to many it is like climbing a greased pole, one foot up, then slip back three.

-Texas will produce a larger crop of fruit this year than she has produced for many years past.

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